



TOMORROW NIGHT

Discover Rotary & Wine or Whine

Join us for **Discover Rotary** — an informal evening to connect with fellow Rotarians, introduce others to our work and explain how to get involved. The event is open to anyone curious about Rotary membership and community service and will serve as our Wine or Whine fellowship of the month.

When: Thursday, Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: The Plaza Restaurant

This is a joint event with the district and other local clubs. Please invite friends and colleagues who may be interested in joining Rotary.

Brief agenda and program:

- 5:30 pm – Check-in
- 5:45 pm – Appetizers, Cocktails, Networking
- 6:15 pm – Program, Presentation, Discussion
- 6:45 pm – Q&A/Next Steps
- 7:00 pm – Adjourn

Register here.

MEETINGS

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 10/15 Sort & Pack at Second Harvest
- 10/22 Echoes of the Gavel
- 10/29 GRSP Introductions
- 11/5 Hannah Palmquist: Human Trafficking in Georgia and across the Southeast
- 11/12 Thanksgiving Meeting at Vashti
- 11/19 Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce
- 11/26 Happy Thanksgiving – No Meeting

EVENTS

- 10/17 Produce Distribution
- 10/21 Coffee Chat
- 10/24 Hands on Thomas County Day - Register to Volunteer
- 10/31 Halloween at History Center
- 11/6 61st Annual Larry Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend
- 11/21 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
- 12/3 Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction Finale

LEADERSHIP

President	Joe Tarver
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Treasurer	Teri White
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Executive Secretary/Director	Mary Beth Donalson
Past President	Wayne Newsome



Thursday, Oct. 15 & Saturday, Oct. 17 Second Harvest Sort and Pack & Produce Distribution

The club will meet on **Thursday, Oct. 15** at **11:30 a.m.** at Second Harvest Food Bank to sort and pack produce for our monthly food distribution. After we finish packing, enjoy a box lunch with the team or grab one to go.

Our produce distribution will be **Saturday, Oct. 17** at Weston Park. Set up begins at 7:30 a.m. and distribution begins at 8:30 or as soon as we are set up.



We distribute approximately 7,000 pounds of fresh produce and healthy frozen proteins each month. Join us and bring some friends

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ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
The Plaza Restuarant
217 Broad St
Thomasville, GA 31792

ROTARY ONLINE

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>
<https://rotary6900.org/>
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YEARS OF SERVICE

10/16	Francis Lilly (12) 15 years in Rotary
10/27	Jim Carter (15)
10/27	J.D. Sears (4)
10/27	Matt Edwards (4)
11/1	Albert Park (31)
11/4	Carol Jones (22)
11/6	Ronald Salter (18)
11/8	Renee Oliveto (19)
11/10	Morgan Bailey (10)

to support this important cause.

Thomasville Rotarian Featured in October Rotary Magazine

There's a several-page feature in the October issue of the Rotary magazine dedicated to longevity and tennis. The article includes quotes from our own **Eugene McNease**, past chairman, International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians, as well as perspectives from other ITFR leadership.

The article shares a warm, informative look at how tennis intersects with long-term wellness and community connections through Rotary's International Tennis Fellowship.

If you have the magazine at home, the feature begins on page 14. Read it online here. *Check it out!*

FYI: To read the article online, you will need to register your email address. You can also subscribe to the digital version and cancel your printed, mailed copy if you would like.

Gridiron Challenge

Another crazy week with college football! Who would have thought Texas would get beat by Oklahoma?! *None of us chose Oklahoma!!* We had 25 players for the week – our largest group to date! The Legendary Losers beat the Touchdown Divas by 1 person!!! Come on ladies

It is rivalry week for the Auburn Tigers and Georgia Bulldogs – known as the “Deep South’s Oldest Rivalry”! Join the fun!

We had two new winners for week 6!! Stay tuned and keep playing.

Complete **this form** and **send to Janet** by 6 p.m. on Thursday or give to her at Rotary. She'll have copies at Second Harvest.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Coffee Chat



Join us **Wednesday, Oct. 21** at Grassroots Coffee anytime between **7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.** for a cup of coffee and a casual conversation with fellow Rotarians! Stay long enough to enjoy breakfast and get to know your fellow Rotarians better or grab your coffee to go. No agenda, no program.

GRSP Pebble Hill Lunch



Thomasville's GRSP student lunch, part of the **61st Annual Larry Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend**, is Friday, Nov. 6 at the Pebble Hill Learning Center.

We need members to sign up to participate. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up as well as to sit at tables with groups of GRSP students. Set up begins at 11:15 a.m., and the event is expected to end around 2 p.m.

Sign up here or talk to **Debbie Goodman**.

Beginning Next Month Rotary Online Auction

Planning is underway for our third annual online auction and holiday party. Please consider whether you or your friends and family members have items that could be added to this year's auction. For example, a large percentage of our proceeds in both 2024 and 2025 came from vacation rentals.

The auction committee has been hard at work:

- **8 vacation stays secured**
- At least two more being solicited

Other items secured include:

- Guns
- A band performance at your next event
- Lessons for tennis, fly fishing, Mahjong
- Athletic pursuits including a pickle ball session at a private court, a YMCA family membership for a year, and hot yoga sessions
- Infrared sauna visits

- Taste of Thomasville food tour
- A Vespa scooter
- Ceramic art

The list is continuing to grow! If you have access to a phenomenal vacation spot or other auction item or are willing to help underwrite the events, please connect with **Marta Jones-Turner**.



The auction will end on **Thursday, Dec. 3** at our annual holiday party. The auction benefits the Big Impact Project, supporting fresh produce markets — which distributed **70,000 pounds of food last year**, provides vegetable grow bags at two markets each year, and more. RSVP for the event **here**.

Calendar

Calendar is subject to changes. View the full **Rotary calendar** anytime and:

- Add individual **calendar items** to your personal calendar.
- **Subscribe to the Rotary calendar** for automatic updates.

Attend a club meeting via Zoom. Meeting ID: 867 7770 1621
